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SUBJECT: GOTT DELEGATION FOR LOS CONFERENCE

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1. DR. CUTHBERT JOSEPH, MINISTER IN THE MINISTRIES OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND WEST INDIAN AFFAIRS, WILL HEAD THE T&T DELEGATION TO THE GENEVA LOS CONFERENCE. LENNOX BALLAH, HEAD OF THE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC DIVISION OF THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, WILL SERVE AS ALTERNATIVE REPRESENTATIVE AND, IF DR. JOSEPH IS CALLED BACK TO TRINIDAD ON OTHER BUSINESS, WILL TAKE CHARGE OF THE DELEGATION. OTHER MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION WILL BE RODNEY APPLETON, SENIOR ECONOMIST IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND MINES; CHRISTOPHER THOMAS, COUNSELOR AT THE T&T MISSION TO THE UN IN NEW YORK; WINSTON EXTAVOUR, AN OFFICER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS; AND DR. BARRY AUGUSTE AND L. CUMBERBATCH FROM THE T&T MISSION IN GENEVA.

2. THE BIOGRAPHIC REPORTS ON JOSEPH AND THOMAS PREPARED FOR THE CARACAS CONFERENCE ARE STILL ACCURATE. REFTEL GIVES UPDATE ON BALLAH. APPLETON IS A WELL-INFORMED AND ARTICULATE SENIOR CIVIL SERVANT IN HIS MINISTRY WHO WILL PROBABLY ACT AS THE DELEGATION'S ADVISER ON QUESTIONS RELATED TO EXPLOITATION OF OFF-SHORE PETROLEUM RESOURCES. HE HAS ATTENDED PREVIOUS SEABED COMMITTEE CONFERENCES. AUGUSTE IS A SOMEWHAT ERRATIC ST. LUCIAN-BORN SENIOR MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS OFFICIAL WITH A REPUTATION FOR HIGH LIVING. HE WAS INVOLVED IN
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A WIDELY PUBLICIZED INCIDENT WITH A NEW YORK POLICEMAN IN 1964

WHILE HE WAS ASSIGNED TO THE T&T MISSION TO THE UN. OUR
FILES INDICATE THAT IN PREVIOUS CONTACTS WITH THE EMBASSY
HERE, AUGUSTE HAS NOT BEEN PARTICULARLY HELPFUL. WE DO NOT
HAVE ANY BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION ON THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE
DELEGATION BUT DO NOT BELIEVE THEY WILL HAVE ANY SIGNIFICANT
INFLUENCE ON THE SUBSTANTIVE WORK.
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